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SUBJECT: THAILAND EMBASSY/STATE DEPARTMENT HUMAN RIGHTS

VETTING FOR: JUSMAG - ROYAL THAI ARMY OFFICERS TO VISIT FORT BRAGG,
NORTH CAROLINA AND MAC DILL AIR FORCE BASE, TAMPA, FLORIDA, DECEMBER
07-13, 2008

REF: A. JUSMAG/THAI MEMOS DATED NOVEMBER 04, 2008

1B. 05 STATE 021314 - GUIDANCE

1C. 03 STATE 34981 - GUIDANCE

11. (U) This is an action request for human rights verification required by the Leahy Amendment; see Para. 2.

12. (U) JUSMAG THAI has requested that the Embassy/State Department complete human rights vetting request for the officers listed below, who have been selected to visit with the United States Army Special Operations Command and Special Operations Command. Embassy Bangkok possesses no credible information at this time of gross violations of human rights by these persons. Embassy Bangkok Political Officer, Melissa G. Carlson, is the verifying officer for the Embassy/Department of State.

JUSMAG - Royal Thai Army Officers to visit U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Special Operations Command, Mac Dill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida, December 07-13, 2008.

PARTICIPANTS:

Name: Puchong Rattanawan
DPOB: May 02, 1950; Nakhon Pathom, Thailand
Title/Rank: Lieutenant General, Commanding General
Unit: Special Warfare Command, Royal Thai Army.

Name: Soopawoot Utama
DPOB: July 07, 1053; Nong Khai, Thailand
Title/Rank: Major General, Commander
Unit: 1st Special Forces Division, Royal Thai Army.

Name: Powpon Ponglowkam
DPOB: April 22, 1953; Suphan Buri, Thailand
Title/Rank: Major General, Commander
Unit: Special Warfare Center and School, Royal Thai Army.

Name: Sadet Arkajag
DPOB: August 14, 1969; Korat, Thailand
Title/Rank: Lieutenant Colonel, Commander
Unit: 1st Battalion 3rd Special Forces Regiment, Royal Thai Army.

JUSGMAS THAI is requesting HRV results NLT November 28, 2008 to support December 07-13 visit dates and meet Department of State, Joint Staff, SOCOM, SOCPAC and 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) administrative requirements.

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